(c) whether an enquiry was instituted against the college management sometime back; if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof;

(d) by when the report of the inquiry is likely to be received; and

(e) what steps are proposed to be taken to restore normalcy in the functioning of the college?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES) DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (e) Teachers/ Association and Employees Union of the college started agitating alleging certain irregularities on the part of the Principal of the college. There were also other demands from teachers & the employees relating to pay-scales and promotion etc.

The teachers and staff association went on strike in support of their demands. They also manhandled the Principal in his office and disrupted the teaching in the college. FIR was lodged against some teachers and employees for causing grievous hurt to the Principal. Disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against those responsible for disrupting the normal functioning of the college and taking law into their own hands.

State Government and Central Government both are seized of the matter and appropriate action has been taken to restore normalcy.

Resentment about revision of History text books

218. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the on-going resentment in the academic circles in the country with regard to revision of History text books by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), prescribed for students at Secondary and Senior Secondary levels;

(b) whether a dominant section of the academic community has expressed reservations about the revised syllabus which, according to them, has failed to stand upto academic scrutiny, if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the books conform to an objective standard, without factual error or bias?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE) DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (b) The Government is aware of the discussion and debate going on in the country regarding the revision of its text books for all the stages of school education. Some historians have reacted through media and organisation like SAHMAT. These are apparently based on ideological consideration.

(c) All the manuscripts are being rigorously examined and reviewed at workshops to ensure that the books are free from factual errors and any sectarian or ideological bias. Subject experts, advisers, practicing teachers and internal faculty members sit together to see that the books conform to objective academic standards.

Scholars writing History books

219. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scholars who have been assigned the work of writing History books for students of schools, following the CBSE pattern of senior secondary education, being prepared by NCERT, as per new syllabus;

(b) what are the credentials of each of them; and

(c) the reasons and the rationale of displacing the earlier authors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE) DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) For the development of the new textbooks, NCERT draw upon the inputs and expertise of academicians, including teachers and subject area experts. There is no fixed panel of experts for writing the text books. When the text books are finally printed, the name of the experts associates with the development of text books are mentioned in them.

Errors in History text books of NCERT

220. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item